

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- a) whether the Government is considering to make Indian Institute of Packaging (IIP) an institute of national importance;
- b) if so, whether the Government is considering to bring in innovations in packaging that can boost exports;
- c) if so, whether the Government has called upon the graduate students to form start up and innovate new packing designs; and
- d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) : Government regularly evaluates and takes steps to upgrade the administrative, academic and technical competence of institutions working in various fields including their status as Institute of National Importance on the basis of felt need of the stakeholders. While Indian Institute of Packaging (IIP) is considered to be a unique institution in the field of education, training and consultancy for packaging, no specific decision about its status as Institute of National Importance (I. N. I.) has been taken.

(b) : Government has decided to involve IIP in contributing towards export promotion by formulating packaging standards for exportable commodities, upgradation of existing educational programmes in Packaging Technology and Management and also Research & Development in Packaging.

(c) & (d): IIP conducts two years Post Graduate Diploma programme in Packaging. Some of the qualified students from this Institute have voluntarily formed start-ups and are involved in development of innovative new packing designs. Support to such start-ups are available under various programmes implemented by the respective Ministries and Agencies of the Government.

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